

previously described by Spix and Martius under the name of *Delphinus amazonicus*, whilst, according to M. Paul Gervais, it is identical with the *D. Geoffrensis* of De Blainville, who however supposed his specimen to come from Canada.

Besides the *Inia Geoffrensis*, M. Gervais states that the Amazon and its tributaries possess two other species of Dolphin, both, according to him, belonging to the restricted genus *Delphinus*. They will be described by him in the Zoological section of M. de Castelnau's Voyage in America, under the names of *D. pallidus* and *D. fluviatilis*.—*Comptes Rendus*, 28th April 1856, p. 806.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR APRIL 1856.

Chiswick.—April 1, 2. Exceedingly fine. 3. Overcast: rain. 4. Densely clouded: fine, with low white clouds. 5. Fine: cloudy. 6. Fine: frosty at night. 7. Fine: cloudy: rain. 8. Rain. 9. Cloudy: rain. 10. Rain. 11. Fine: showery: rain at night. 12. Rain: cloudy and mild: fine. 13. Fine: cloudy: hazy. 14. Fine: rain: boisterous, with rain at night. 15. Overcast: cold north-east wind. 16. Fine, but cold: masses of white clouds. 17. Dusky white clouds: fine: cloudy. 18. Overcast: fine: cloudy. 19. Overcast: densely clouded: clear: frosty. 20. Fine: frosty at night. 21. Cloudless: very fine: hazy at night. 22. Overcast: cloudy: frosty. 23. Slight haze: cloudy. 24. Uniform haze: overcast: fine. 25. Foggy: very fine: rain. 26. Heavy rain: cloudy. 27. Rain. 28. Clear: fine: frosty. 29. Partially overcast: cloudy and cold. 30. Fine.

Mean temperature of the month	46°·48
Mean temperature of April 1855	46·08
Mean temperature of April for the last thirty years	47·13
Average amount of rain in April	1·553 inch.

Boston.—April 1. Fine: rain P.M. 2. Cloudy. 3. Cloudy: rain P.M. 4. Cloudy. 5. Fine. 6. Cloudy: rain P.M. 7. Cloudy. 8. Cloudy: rain P.M. 9. Cloudy. 10. Cloudy: rain P.M. 11. Fine: rain P.M. 12. Rain A.M. and P.M. 13. Fine. 14. Cloudy. 15. Fine. 16—19. Cloudy. 20. Fine. 21—24. Cloudy. 25. Fine. 26. Rain A.M. and P.M. 27. Cloudy. 28. Cloudy: rain P.M. 29. Cloudy: rain A.M. and P.M. 30. Cloudy.

Sandwich Manse, Orkney.—April 1—3. Bright A.M.: cloudy P.M. 4. Cloudy, drops A.M.: clear, aurora P.M. 5. Cloudy, drops A.M.: clear P.M. 6. Damp A.M.: clear P.M. 7. Bright A.M.: drops P.M. 8—10. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 11. Showers, cloudy A.M.: clear P.M. 12—14. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 15. Cloudy A.M.: clear, fine P.M. 16. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 17. Showers, cloudy A.M.: cloudy P.M. 18. Showers, cloudy A.M.: clear, fine P.M. 19. Clear A.M.: drizzle P.M. 20—22. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 23. Clear A.M.: cloudy P.M. 24. Cloudy A.M.: cloudy, fine P.M. 25. Cloudy, fine A.M.: cloudy, drops P.M. 26. Clear A.M.: hail-showers P.M. 27. Hail-showers A.M.: sleet-showers P.M. 28. Sleet-showers A.M. and P.M. 29. Sleet-showers A.M.: cloudy P.M. 30. Bright A.M.: cloudy P.M.

Mean temperature of April for previous twenty-nine years ...	43°·47
Mean temperature of this month	44·56
Mean temperature of April 1855	43·20
Average quantity of rain in April for fifteen previous years ...	1·90 inch.

The drought is quite unprecedented, only ·68 of rain having fallen for two months.